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The Twitter page of Elon Musk is seen on the screen of a computer in Sausalito, Calif., on Monday, April 25, 2022.

Associated Press

## Officials: Musk seeks U.S. funds for Ukraine satellite network

By TARA COPP and LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Defense Department has gotten a request from SpaceX and Tesla founder Elon Musk to take over funding for his satellite network that has provided crucial battlefield communications for Ukrainian military forces since almost the beginning of its war with Russia, U.S. officials said Friday. The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss a sensitive matter not

yet made public, said the issue has been discussed in meetings and senior leaders are weighing the matter. There have been no decisions. In a statement later Friday, Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said, "We can confirm the Department received correspondence from SpaceX about the funding of Starlink, their satellite communications product in Ukraine. We remain in communication with SpaceX about this and other topics."

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	KARAOKE	
Ricky Thomas Guitarist 7:00pm-9:00pm	Angela Flores Violinist 6:30pm-8:30pm	Happy Hour 9:00pm-11:00pm	
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During a Pentagon briefing, she declined to provide any details about the communication or say to whom the correspondence was sent and when the communications with Musk began.

Musk began sending Starlink satellite dishes to Ukraine just days after Russia invaded in February. On Feb. 28, Ukrainian Vice Prime Minister Mykhailo Fedorov tweeted a photo of the first Starlink kits arriving on the back of a truck.

"You are most welcome," Musk tweeted back.

Musk's generosity was hailed by Ukrainians and seen as a game changer in war tactics — the Russians could try to cut Ukrainian ground communications but it could not control space.

The Starlink system of more than 2,200 low-orbiting satellites has provided broadband internet to more than 150,000 Ukrainian ground stations. Early Friday, Musk tweeted that it was costing SpaceX \$20 million a month to support Ukraine's communications needs.

In addition to the terminals, he tweeted that the company has to create, launch, maintain and replenish satellites and ground stations. CNN was the first to report the Musk request.

The Starlink satellite internet's vital role in Ukraine's defense cannot be overstated. It has, for example, assisted front-line reconnaissance drone operators in targeting artillery strikes on key Russian assets. A senior military official on Friday made it clear that the U.S. believes the system has proven exceptionally effective on the battlefield. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to provide U.S. assessment of the Ukrainian battlefield.

In a tweet on Friday, Ukrainian presidential adviser Mikhaïl Podolyak said Ukraine will find a solution to keep Starlink working.

"Let's be honest. Like it or not, @elonmusk helped us survive the most critical moments of war. Business has

the right to its own strategies," he tweeted. "We expect that the company will provide stable connection till the end of negotiations." In response to multiple questions during the briefing, Singh said the Pentagon was working with the Ukrainian Defense Ministry. "We know that there is this demand, and (satellite communications) capability ... is needed and we want to be able to ensure that there are stable communications for the Ukrainian forces and for Ukraine." The request from the world's richest man to have the Pentagon take over the hundreds of millions of dollars he says the system is costing comes on the heels of a Twitter war between Musk and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. And in tweets overnight Musk referred to the friction, suggesting it may affect his decision to end his company's largesse in funding the systems.

In a Twitter exchange last week, Musk argued that to reach peace Russia should

be allowed to keep the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized in 2014. He also said Ukraine should adopt a neutral status, dropping a bid to join NATO.

Musk also started a Twitter poll asking whether "the will of the people" should decide if seized regions remain part of Ukraine or become part of Russia.

In a sarcastic response, Zelenskyy posted a Twitter poll of his own asking "which Elon Musk do you like more?": "One who supports Ukraine" or "One who supports Russia." Musk replied to Zelenskyy that "I still very much support Ukraine, but am convinced that massive escalation of the war will cause great harm to Ukraine and possibly the world."

Andriy Melnyk, the outgoing Ukrainian ambassador to Germany, responded to Musk's original tweet with an obscenity.

It's not clear how much of the cost of deploying Starlink satellite uplinks in Ukraine has been covered by U.S. funding. In April, the

U.S. Agency for International Development said it had delivered 5,000 of the terminals. The Pentagon had no response to that question.

Musk's commitment to spend \$44 billion to purchase Twitter "has to factor into his decision that he can no longer afford to do this for free," said retired Army Maj. Gen. John Ferrari, a non-resident senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Musk's request that the Pentagon begin to pick up the tab comes as the Space Force and Pentagon have been looking at how commercial vendors will play a role in national security. Musk's threat to withdraw highlights the risk of leaning too much on commercial capabilities, Ferrari said.

"Commercial vendors always get to change their mind," Ferrari said, adding that the reliance on Starlink to provide communications for Ukraine also serves as a reminder that the Pentagon has to expand this

service beyond SpaceX, he said.

"The government needs many vendors for key capabilities, of course that often means more money, but it is an insurance policy and insurance costs money," Ferrari said.

In March, commander of U.S. Space Command Army Gen. James Dickinson said that having vendors provide needed capabilities, such as Maxar's satellite imagery of stalled Russian convoys, has become essential, because it frees up limited military satellite assets to focus on other things.

In his tweets, Musk also raised a question that various vendors and the Pentagon are considering as space becomes a more critical part of wartime operations: If a commercial vendor is assisting the U.S. and is targeted, does the U.S. owe it protection?

"We've also had to defend against cyberattacks & jamming, which are getting harder," Musk tweeted. □



Elon Musk, Tesla CEO, attends the opening of the Tesla factory Berlin Brandenburg in Gruenheide, Germany, March 22, 2022.

Associated Press



# Judge rules new DACA program can continue temporarily

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**

**Associated Press**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — A federal judge ruled Friday that the current version of a federal policy that prevents the deportation of hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the U.S. as children can continue, at least temporarily. U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen, who last year declared the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program illegal, said that the policy, which is set to proceed under new regulations at the end of the month, can continue with limitations that he previously set. Those limitations say there can be no new applicants for DACA and that those who are already in the program can continue to be in it and renew their applications.

During a court hearing Friday, Hanen ordered attorneys for the federal government to provide more information on the new rule and said he expects additional legal arguments related to it, but there was no timetable set for future hearings. It's also unclear when Hanen will give his final decision on the case, which is expected to end up at the U.S. Supreme Court.

"The legality of the new DACA regulation ... is now the task before this court," said Nina Perales, an attorney with the Mexican



A group of more than 50 community activists and others gathered Friday, Oct. 14, 2022, at a park next to the federal courthouse in Houston, in support of a federal policy that prevents the deportation of hundreds of thousands of immigrants brought to the U.S. as children.

**Associated Press**

American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, or MALDEF, who is representing DACA recipients, said after attending Friday's hearing.

Karina Ruiz De Diaz, one of the DACA recipients being represented by MALDEF, said she was relieved Hanen kept the program in place but upset the judge declined to open it up to thousands of new applicants who need its protections. Ruiz was part of a group of more than 50 community activists and DACA recipients who gath-

ered before and after the hearing in support of the program at a park next to the federal courthouse. They held up signs that said, "Judge Hanen Do the Right Thing Protect DACA" and "Immigrants Are Welcomed."

"It was important to show up to the hearing. We don't want the judge to think that this is just an abstract concept. I want him to see our faces, to see that it's impacting real people," said Ruiz, 38, who traveled from her home in Phoenix to attend the hearing.

The current version of DACA, which the Biden administration created to improve its chances of surviving legal scrutiny, is set to take effect Oct. 31.

The case went back to Hanen after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans said last week he should take another look at DACA following revisions adopted by the Biden administration.

Hanen last year declared DACA illegal after Texas and eight other Republican-leaning states filed a lawsuit claiming they are

harmed financially, incurring hundreds of millions of dollars in health care, education and other costs, when immigrants are allowed to remain in the country illegally. They also argued that the White House overstepped its authority by granting immigration benefits that are for Congress to decide.

"Only Congress has the ability to write our nation's immigration laws," Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said Thursday in a statement. Hanen found DACA had not been subjected to public notice and comment periods required under the federal Administrative Procedures Act. But he left the Obama-era program intact for those already benefiting from it, pending the appeal. There were 611,270 people enrolled in DACA at the end of March. A three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based appeals court upheld Hanen's initial finding but sent the case back to Hanen so he could review the impact of the federal government's new DACA regulation. The new rule's 453 pages are largely technical and represent little substantive change from the 2012 memo that created DACA, but it was subject to public comments as part of a formal rule-making process. □

## Justice Dept. seeks end to arbiter's review of Trump docs

By **ERIC TUCKER**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Justice Department asked a federal appeals court on Friday to overturn a judge's appointment of an independent arbiter to review documents seized during an FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Florida estate.

The appeal is the latest salvo in weeks of litigation over the scope of duties of the arbiter, also known as a special master. He was assigned last month by a judge to inspect the thousands of records tak-

en in the Aug. 8 search of Mar-a-Lago and weed out from the investigation any that may be protected by claims of legal privilege.

The special master process has caused some delays to the Justice Department's investigation into the storage of top-secret documents at the home.

But a major hurdle was cleared last month when the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit lifted a temporary bar on the department's ability to use the seized classified documents as part of its criminal probe.

The move permitted a core aspect of the probe to resume, greatly reducing the chances that the special master process could have a significant impact on the investigation. But department lawyers returned to the court Friday to ask for the entire special master review to be shut down, saying the judge who made the appointment had no basis for doing so and Trump was not entitled to an independent review of the seized records or to claim privilege over them. "Plaintiff has no plausible claim of executive privi-



Former President Donald Trump speaks at a rally, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in Mesa, Ariz.

**Associated Press**

lege as to any of the seized materials and no plausible claim of personal attorney-client privilege as to the seized government records — including all records

bearing classification markings," according to the department's brief.

"Accordingly," they added, "the special-master review process is unwarranted." □





In this image provided by Georgia Power, the outside of the Unit 3 reactor containment building at Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, Ga., is shown on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022.

Associated Press

## Utility begins loading fuel at new Georgia nuclear plant

By **JEFF AMY**

Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Workers have begun loading radioactive fuel into a new nuclear reactor in Georgia, utilities said Friday, putting the first new American nuclear reactor built in decades on a path to begin generating electricity in coming months.

Georgia Power says workers will transfer 157 fuel assemblies into the reactor core at Plant Vogtle, southeast of Augusta, in the next few days. There are already two reactors operating at the plant, with fuel being loaded into a third unit and a fourth unit still under construction.

Chris Womack, chairman and CEO of Georgia Power, the largest unit of Atlanta-based Southern Co., said in a statement that fuel loading shows "steady and evident progress" at Vogtle.

"We're making history here in Georgia and the U.S. as we approach bringing online the first new nuclear unit to be built in the country in over 30 years," Womack said. "These units are important to building the future of energy and will serve as clean, emission-free sources of energy for Georgians for the next 60 to 80 years."

After the 90 tons (82 metric

tonnes) of uranium oxide is loaded by a crane into the reactor, operating company Southern Nuclear will test whether the plant's cooling and steam supply system work while fuel is inside the reactor at the super-high temperatures and pressures created by splitting atoms. Operators will then start generating electricity and link the plant to the transmission grid, with the reactor planned to reach commercial operation by the end of March.

The Georgia Public Service Commission approved the new reactors in 2012, and the third reactor was supposed to start generating power in 2016. The cost of the third and fourth reactors has climbed from an original estimate of \$14 billion to more than \$30 billion. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved plans to load the fuel in August. Approval was delayed because much of the third reactor's wiring had to be redone after federal regulators found major flaws. Southern Co. also fell behind on inspection documents that had to be completed before the NRC could sign off.

Georgia Power's 2.7 million customers are already paying part of the financing cost and state regulators have approved a

monthly rate increase of at least \$3.78 a month as soon as the third unit begins generating power. But the elected five-member Public Service Commission will decide later who pays for the remainder of the costs. The utility has other unrelated rate increases awaiting a decision.

The fourth unit is supposed to be completed in late 2023. The two new units combined are projected to produce enough power for more than 500,000 homes and businesses.

Vogtle is the only nuclear plant under construction in the United States. Its costs and delays could deter other utilities from building such plants, even though they generate electricity without releasing climate-changing carbon emissions. Georgia Power owns 45.7% of the two reactors, while Oglethorpe Power Corp. owns 30% on behalf of 38 power cooperatives. The Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia owns 22.7% on behalf of 49 city-owned utilities, while the city of Dalton's utility owns 1.6%. MEAG has contracts to sell electricity from Vogtle to the city-owned utility in Jacksonville, Florida, and to some electric cooperatives and city utilities in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. □



Rock 'n' roll's Antonio "Fats" Domino is seen in 1986.

Associated Press

## Renowned pianist Fats Domino has street renamed in his honor

By **CHEVEL JOHNSON**

Associated Press

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — The New Orleans street where one of the founders of rock 'n' roll spent most of his life is being renamed in his honor.

A community-wide Second line and Musical Celebration begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at the longtime home of Antoine "Fats" Domino on Caffin Avenue, which will now be known as Antoine "Fats" Domino Avenue. Led by the Stooges Brass Band, the second line will proceed down the renamed street to Oliver Bush Park, where musical tributes to Domino will occur. Domino sold more than 110 million records, with hits including "Blueberry Hill," "Ain't That a Shame" — originally titled "Ain't It A Shame" — and other standards of rock 'n' roll. Saturday's free celebration will feature performances by Kermit Ruffin, Al "Carnival Time" Johnson, Al "Little Fats" Jackson and Domino's grandson, Antoine Domino Jr.

Rev. Willie Calhoun, who has lived in the Lower 9 his whole life and is one of the celebration's organizers, said the recognition for Domino is a long-time coming. "Fats never left the city and he's never really been celebrated, even though he chose to stay in New Orleans and to raise his family in the Lower 9," Calhoun said. "He had a choice to live anywhere he wanted and he made the choice to live right here."

"I think this event will help bring some life and recognition to the neighborhood. The Lower 9 has gotten so much negative press, we wanted to bring people back to the area and show them the reason why Fats stayed. He stayed because this is a valuable and viable community."

Domino died Oct. 24, 2017, of natural causes at the age of 89. He survived the massive flooding that followed Hurricane Katrina's landfall on Aug. 29, 2005, but had to be rescued by boat from his home, where he tried to ride out the storm. Storm surge flood waters poured into the Lower 9th Ward, knocking many homes off their foundations. A large barge was swept by flood waters into the neighborhood, leveling homes beneath it. The area was flooded again by Hurricane Rita a month later. □



# Residents urged to leave annexed region as Ukraine advances

By YURAS KARMANAU

Associated Press

TALLINN, Estonia (AP) —

Moscow-installed authorities in Ukraine's occupied southern region of Kherson urged local residents to evacuate to Russia on Friday, as Kyiv's forces pushed their counteroffensive deeper into the region. The move, announced a day before, indicated that Ukrainian military gains along the war's southern front are worrying the Kremlin, which is struggling to cement its hold on areas illegally annexed from Ukraine last month. Russian authorities immediately promised free accommodations to anyone who heeded the recommendation to leave Kherson.

The region's Moscow-installed leader, Vladimir Saldo, told Russian state TV on Friday night that hundreds of people requested to be evacuated from the region. "We're advising those who are scared of incoming missiles, in order not to get in the way of the Russian military, to depart to the Russian Federation," he said.

Saldo said Thursday the evacuations would take



Ukrainian servicemen check the trenches dug by Russian soldiers in a retaken area in Kherson region, Ukraine, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022.

Associated Press

place from four cities, including the regional capital Kherson and Nova Kakhovka.

The latter lies almost on the contact line between Russian and Ukrainian forces, with the Ukrainians advancing closer and closer. The Russian-installed officials in the region tried to downplay the seriousness of the situation, describing the evacuations as "hu-

manitarian," "wellness" and "vacation" trips to Russia that were voluntary. For those willing to leave, buses and ferries were being provided, according to Saldo. But residents painted a much less pleasant picture. Konstantin, a resident of Kherson city who spoke on condition of having his last withheld for safety reasons, told The Associated Press on Friday that columns of

military trucks had begun to move around the city and eventually leave. All schools were closed, and most state institutions and local administrative bodies had moved to reduced working hours, he said. "The mood in Kherson is not cheerful. The city is now in suspense. Primarily the Russian military from the headquarters and the family of collaborators are leaving,"

Konstantin told the AP. "Everyone is discussing the imminent arrival of the Ukrainian military and preparing for it."

Russia has characterized the movement of Ukrainians to Russia or Russian-controlled territory as voluntary, but in many cases it is the only route residents of the occupied areas can or are allowed to take.

Reports have also surfaced that some were forcibly deported to "filtration camps" with harsh conditions. In addition, an Associated Press investigation found that Russian officials deported thousands of Ukrainian children - some orphaned, others living with foster families or in institutions - to be raised as Russian.

Ukrainian military expert Oleh Zhdanov ascribed the announced evacuation to "uncertainty as to whether the Russians will be able to hold the city".

"The Russians are afraid of a repetition of the stampede from the Kharkiv region in Kherson, when military equipment and archives were abandoned, and therefore they are preparing to leave in advance," Zhdanov said. □

# UK: Climate protesters throw soup on Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'

LONDON (AP) — Climate protesters threw soup over Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers" in London's National Gallery on Friday to protest fossil fuel extraction, but caused no damage to the glass-covered painting. The group Just Stop Oil, which wants the British government to halt new oil and gas projects, said activists dumped two cans of tomato soup over the oil painting, one of the Dutch artist's most iconic works. The two protesters also glued themselves to the gallery wall.

The soup splashed across the glass covering the painting and its gilded frame. The gallery said "there is some minor damage to the frame but the painting is unharmed." It

was cleaned and returned to its place in the gallery on Friday afternoon.

The work is one of several versions of "Sunflowers" that Van Gogh painted in the late 1880s.

London's Metropolitan Po-

lice said officers arrested two people on suspicion of criminal damage and aggravated trespass.

"Specialist officers have now un-glued them and they have been taken into custody to a central Lon-

don police station," the force said in a statement.

A group of protesters from the same group later gathered at police headquarters and sprayed yellow paint over the rotating "New Scotland Yard" sign in front of it. Several also glued themselves to the road, blocking traffic. Police said 24 people were arrested.

Just Stop Oil has drawn attention, and criticism, for targeting artworks in museums. In July, Just Stop Oil activists glued themselves to the frame of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" at London's Royal Academy of Arts, and to John Constable's "The Hay Wain" in the National Gallery.

Activists have also blocked

bridges and intersections across London during two weeks of protests.

University of Pennsylvania climate scientist Michael Mann said he worries that the vandalism "alienates many people we need to bring into the fold."

People who are natural allies in the climate battle but will draw negative associations with climate advocacy and activism from such acts."

The wave of demonstrations comes as the British government opens a new licensing round for North Sea oil and gas exploration, despite criticism from environmentalists and scientists who say the move undermines the country's commitment to fighting climate change. □



Handout photo issued by Just Stop Oil of two protesters who have thrown tinned soup at Vincent Van Gogh's famous 1888 work Sunflowers at the National Gallery in London, Friday Oct. 14, 2022.

Associated Press



# Haiti gang makes demands in test of power with government

By DÁNICA COTO

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— A standoff between a powerful gang federation and Haiti's government is testing how much power both sides wield and threatens to further derail a paralyzed country where millions of people are struggling to find fuel and water. A former police officer who leads a gang alliance known as "G9 and Family" has proposed his own plan for Haiti's future even seeking seats in the Cabinet while demanding that the administration of Prime Minister Ariel Henry grant amnesty and void arrest warrants against the group's members, a demand that so far has gone unanswered.

In mid-September, the gang surrounded a key fuel terminal to demand Henry's resignation and to protest a spike in petroleum prices after the prime minister announced that his administration could no longer afford to subsidize fuel. That move, coupled with thousands of protesters who have blocked streets



Barbecue, the leader of the "G9 and Family" gang, stands next to garbage to call attention to the conditions people live in as he leads a march against kidnapping through La Saline neighborhood in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Oct. 22, 2021.

Associated Press

in the capital of Port-au-Prince and other major cities, has caused major shortages, forcing hospitals to cut back on services, gas stations to close and banks and grocery stores to restrict hours. In a recent video posted on Facebook, G9 and Family leader Jimmy Cherizier, who goes by the nickname "Barbecue,"

read a proposed plan to stabilize Haiti that includes the creation of a "Council of Sages" with one representative from each of Haiti's 10 departments. The gang also is demanding positions in Henry's Cabinet, according to the director of Haiti's National Disarmament, Dismantling and Reintegration Commission,

speaking to radio station Magik 9 on Thursday. "It's a symptom of their power, but also a symptom that they may fear what is coming," Robert Fatton, a Haitian politics expert at the University of Virginia, said of the gang's demands. Henry and 18 members of his Cabinet appealed nearly a week ago for the

deployment of foreign troops to quell violence and end the fuel blockade, a proposal that has yet to be formally discussed by the United Nations Security Council, which meets on Monday. The gang, which has overpowered an understaffed and under-resourced police department, is likely wary of the potential deployment of specialized armed troops, Fatton said. "They are trying to get the best deal they can get while to some extent they have the upper hand," he said. Gang demands are nothing new in Haiti, and they have grown more powerful since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. But such threats were quickly quelled in the past with the help of U.N. peacekeeping forces, Fatton said. In the aftermath of a rebellion that ousted former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, then-President René Préval ordered gangs to lay down their weapons. He did it peacefully at first, but upon receiving no results, he threatened them. □

# Heir to Dutch throne forced to stay home amid security fears

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE (AP) — The teenage heir to the Dutch throne has been forced to give up on Amsterdam's student life and live instead at her parents' palace, the latest indication of just how much of a threat organized

crime poses to Dutch society.

Queen Maxima said her eldest daughter, Amalia, "can't leave home" and that it has "enormous consequences for her life."

A visibly emotional Maxima said at the end of a state visit to Sweden on Thursday

that the 18-year-old princess "doesn't live in Amsterdam and can't really go out." She said that despite the security concerns, the princess is continuing her studies.

The Queen's words offered rare insight into the sense of unease felt by royal house. It's also indicative of the fear shared by the Dutch and others across Europe that criminal gangs involved in the lucrative drug trade are fanning. The Dutch justice minister last week hosted a meeting at which six nations pledged to step up cooperation in the fight against organized crime.

That meeting came after security around Belgium's justice minister, Vincent Van Quickenborne, was beefed up following the arrest of four Dutch men in the Netherlands on suspicion of a plot to kidnap

him. Belgium and the Netherlands are home to the ports of Antwerp and Rotterdam, two key hubs for networks trafficking huge amounts of cocaine into Europe.

Another example underscoring the gravity of the gang threat was a move by Dutch prosecutors this week to add terrorism to charges that a suspect faces in the slaying of popular crime reporter Peter R. de Vries who was gunned down last year. Prosecutors said the suspect posted on social media grisly video he recorded of De Vries after he was shot in a downtown Amsterdam street to amplify the impact.

Amalia, 18, is studying Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics at Amsterdam University and was supposed to be living in a house with other students in the heart of the city's his-

toric canal network.

Instead, she is still at home in nearby The Hague, her mother said. "She doesn't have a student life," Maxima said.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who reportedly also has had his personal security beefed up amid threats, called it "terrible news" for Amalia.

"I can't say anything about threats and security measures. I can assure you that everybody in government who knows about this and is involved is doing their utmost to ensure she is safe," he told reporters in The Hague.

Dutch daily De Telegraaf reported last month that security for Amalia and Rutte had been tightened amid fears of criminal plots targeting them. Police and intelligence officials declined to comment on the report. □



Heir to the Dutch throne Princess Amalia speaks as she takes an honorary seat at the Council of State, the highest government advisory body in The Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, one day after celebrating her eighteenth birthday.

Associated Press



## Visa requirement an important aspect in the decision regarding reopening of border with Venezuela

**ORANJESTAD – Wednesday morning, during a public meeting in Parliament, Prime Minister Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes together with minister of Justice, Mr. Rocco Tjon gave a thorough explanation regarding the reopening of the border with neighboring country Venezuela.**

The Prime Minister elaborated on the aspects on which the commission in charge gave advice for the Government to take into consideration for the decision regarding the reopening of the border. The aspects are among others asylum, human rights violations in Venezuela, DVG (Department of Public Health) and Visa.

In this, the visa requirement is a very important aspect. In the beginning of the Wever-Croes II Cabinet governance, the govern-

ment was struggling with the problem of the migratory crisis and evaluated the option of introducing a visa. As is known currently, those who want to leave from Venezuela and visit Aruba, Curaçao or Bonaire, need to apply for a visa. The process is not easy seeing as this visa needs to be requested at the embassy of Caracas, where the current policy is that they do not process more than 8,000 visas per year. This 8,000 visa total counts for all countries in the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

To apply for this visa, the person needs to have a certain income and must be able to demonstrate that they have enough money to cover the costs during their stay. They also check if the person has a penal history. All this information is stored in the sys-



tem.

There are some categories considered "preferential", which means these people receive their visa quicker. The categories are MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events), which is an event organized by Aruba Tourism Authority. Also those who are owners

of one or more properties in Aruba will receive the visa to come take care of their properties. Tourists coming for a business or those who hold a VTA – meaning those who have an American visa – do not need to apply for a visa for Aruba.

The position of the Govern-

ment of Aruba is to reach concrete agreements with Venezuela authorities. The conversations are taking shape slowly and the government expects that good agreements can be reached so that Aruba can be sure that the reopening of the border will be safe, secure and responsible. □

## Minister Arends: Stakeholders can now actively contribute to new legislation Unique Consultation Conference Corporate Governance

**ORANJESTAD – Minister of Integrity, Ursell Arends, has called on entities in the public and semi-public sectors to register for a unique consultation conference that will be held at the University of Aruba on the 3rd and 4th of November of this year. Both days are devoted to the new legislation in the field of corporate governance.**

During a press conference, the Minister indicated that good corporate governance is an essential prerequisite for the optimal functioning of these entities. An explanation was given about the National Ordinance in the draft by legal adviser Carlos Guiamo, LL.M. The Wever-Croes II Cabinet has the ambition to strengthen the corporate governance practice in the public and semi-public sectors within the shortest time possible, according to internationally recognized best practices. The Minister and the chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee, Mr. Jossy Laclé, appealed to the stakeholders to actively participate in the upcoming consultation conference.



Good corporate governance requires effort from the community. That is why the government considers the support and input from the stakeholders involved to be of great value. That is also one of the reasons why stakeholders are being consulted about the National Ordinance in the draft and the Corporate Governance Code. Moreover, a higher degree of participation is in line with the vision of the Ministry of Integrity. In addition to the stakeholders involved, students are also allowed to participate in this unique consultation

conference.

The introductory process takes explicit account of the special Aruban circumstances, such as limitations in resources and capacity at the entities and the small scale of society. The goal is to take joint steps toward excellent corporate governance. Based on this vision, the Corporate Governance Committee was established in May 2020. This committee is tasked with advising and supporting the government in implementing a new legal framework for corporate

governance. In doing so, the Committee relied on the framework that had already been developed by the Central Bank of Aruba. The National Ordinance in the draft and the Corporate Governance Code are the Committee's latest products. Stakeholders now have the opportunity to review the design and provide feedback before officially introducing them into the legislative process.

Registration is possible via an email to [I.lohuis@themis-institute.org](mailto:I.lohuis@themis-institute.org) stating the name, position, telephone, and email address of the participants. When the maximum capacity is reached, the number of participants per entity within the sectors can be limited. If necessary, congress can be repeated.

For more information, please contact the secretary of the Corporate Governance Committee, Dr. Hellen van der Wal, LL.M., via [wabcad-vies@gmail.com](mailto:wabcad-vies@gmail.com)

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**Our artist for this week is IN-  
SANE 51:**

Greek muralist based in  
Athens, one of the pioneers  
of 3D art.

For more than 15 years,  
this extraordinary artist has  
revolutionized the mural art

work and is known for  
his 3D street art, an art  
called "Double Exposure  
3D". Indeed, depending on  
the color of the light,  
it will be one figure or an-  
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He has participated in vari-  
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Adept of photorealism and  
fine technician, Insane 51  
adds a dose of complexity  
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Since 2019, Insane 51, takes  
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Skillfully combining red and  
cyan, the artist superimpos-  
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We are super excited to

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## The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island



Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as a Distinguished Visitor and an Emerald Ambassador of Aruba. The Distinguished Visitor and the Emerald Ambassador certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation and to say 'Masha Danki' to guests whom have visited Aruba for numerous times consecutively.

This year I had the great privilege to honor mother, Frances Swidrak, and daughter, Kristine Swidrak from New Jersey, United states.

Ms. Kristine wanted to surprise her wonderful mother

Frances, whom have visited Aruba for over 35 years consecutively, so the A.T.A. together with Yvette Tromp, the coordinator at Playa Linda, and Mr. Riecardi Irausquin, the Duty Supervisor at Chicken & Lobster Restaurant located at Playa Linda put together this special honoring ceremony for the mother and daughter duo, to commemorate Mrs. Frances for her love and devotion to our island of Aruba.

The Emerald Ambassador certificate is the highest certificate that we present, and is only given to a few, making every part of this event even more special. It is incredibly beautiful to see that Aruba still has so many loyal visitors, and that they even choose to bring

along their families so they can experience the Aruba effect as well.

This mother and daughter duo stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, beautiful sunsets, delicious variety of foods, its safety, and Aruba's warm and friendly people whom have become like family to them.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Playa Linda Beach Resort presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □

## Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why

you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass.



The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on

the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken

apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! □







**ORANJESTAD – Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association (AHATA)'s Environmental Committee gave a presentation last Thursday at the Alhambra Ballroom to various small and medium enterprises. The commission consists of volunteer representatives leading the practice of sustainability at companies that are members of AHATA.**

To commemorate Earth Day last year, AHATA distributed its guide of Environmental Best Practices with the goal of motivating member companies to implement the practice of sustainability in their daily operations. This year it was chosen to do a presenta-

tion that complements the information provided in the guide and give practical examples of local companies that are taking steps in the area of sustainability. The presentation of the commission illustrates the benefits for our environment and the financial benefit for companies that commit themselves to sustainability.

Topics presented during the session include the three pillars of sustainability (social, environmental and economic) and the main systems of reduce, reuse and recycle. It illustrated what sustainability is in a business, water and electricity, preventive

## AHATA Environmental Committee cu presentation "Sustainability in Business"

maintenance, and voluntary work to benefit our community.

Another important element is also how to involve employees in the process of sustainability. In the end, the commission offered a mentorship program to help member companies introduce sustainability in their companies with basic practices.

The presenters were John Wardlaw from Tropical Bottling Company, Miriam Stuurman from De Palm Island, Ryan Bareño from Marriott's Aruba Surf Club, Andrew Rasmijn from Marriott's Aruba Surf & Ocean Club, and Daniel Aguirre from La Cabana Beach Resort. Other members of the commission who helped with the planning and execution were Astrid Winterdaal from De Palm Tours, and Vanessa Rasmussen and Laura Molina from AHATA.



In 2023, AHATA's Environmental Committee has different projects planned, including visits at primary and secondary schools to create more awareness in our community.

For more information and tips on how to live more consciously and help protect our environment, please visit the Facebook Page of AHATA Environmental Committee. □

## Governor Alfonso Boekhoudt swore in Ady Thijsen as Plenipotentiary Minister of Aruba in the Netherlands



**THE HAGUE – Governor of Aruba, His Excellency Alfonso Boekhoudt yesterday morning at the Ceremonial House of the Governor swore in Mr. Ady Thijsen as Plenipotentiary Minister of Aruba in the Netherlands.**

After the swearing in, minister Thijsen gave a declaration in which he said he is extremely happy to see that during his political career, today he was awarded another responsibility that is not in the Parliament of Aruba. Mr. Thijsen said his only purpose is to work to benefit

our country of Aruba and with a great honor he assumes this responsibility, which will surely not be easy.

Mr. Thijsen thanked the government of Aruba to trust him as Plenipotentiary Minister in the Netherlands and at the same time, as representative of Aruba in the European Union. He also took the opportunity to thank those who always supported him during his political career. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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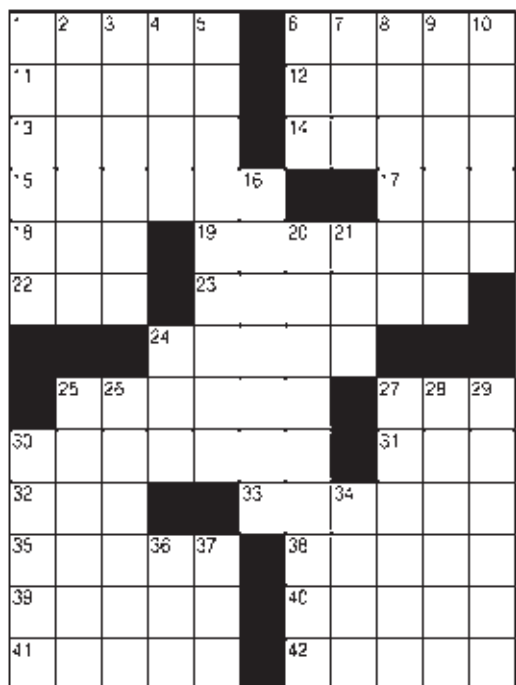
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN A FRIEND, UNLESS IT IS A FRIEND WITH CHOCOLATE — LINDA GRAYSON



Yesterday's answer

# As the causes of U.S. inflation grow, so do the dangers

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — What keeps driving inflation so high? The answer, it seems, is nearly everything. Supply chain snarls and parts shortages inflated the cost of factory goods when the economy rocketed out of the pandemic recession two years ago. Then it was a surge in consumer spending fueled by federal stimulus checks. Then Russia's invasion of Ukraine disrupted gas and food supplies and sent those prices skyward.

Since March, the Federal Reserve has been aggressively raising interest rates to try to cool the price spikes. So far, there's little sign of progress. Thursday's report on consumer prices in September came in hotter than expected even as some previously big drivers of inflation gas prices, used cars fell for a third straight month.

Consumer prices, excluding volatile food and energy costs, skyrocketed 6.6% from a year ago the fastest such pace in four decades. Overall inflation did decline a touch, mostly because of cheaper gas. But costlier food, medical care and housing pointed to a widening of price pressures across the economy. High inflation has now spread well beyond physical goods to the nation's vast service sector, which includes everything from dental care and apartment rents to auto repairs and hotel rates. The broadening of inflation makes it harder to tame. Thursday's report underscored



A real estate sign is seen near a home on the market, Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, in Towson, Md.

Associated Press

that the Fed may have to jack up its key short-term rate even higher than had been expected and keep it there longer to curb inflation.

Such action would mean even higher loan rates for consumers and businesses. It could also cause recessions in both the U.S. and global economies, international financial officials warn. Higher U.S. rates encourage investors to pull money from foreign markets and invest it in U.S. assets for a higher return, a shift that can cause upheaval in overseas economies.

Here's what's driving persistent inflation and what it means:

## SPENDING STILL HOLDING UP — FOR SOME

Consumers, on the whole, are still managing to spend more, even though average wage gains over the past year haven't kept up with inflation. Many businesses, particularly larger corporations, have taken

advantage of rising wages and increased consumer savings from government stimulus checks to raise their prices.

PepsiCo, for example, said Wednesday that while purchases by volume fell 1% in the third quarter of the year, it was able to boost prices 17% without losing customers.

"We obviously exited the third quarter with the consumer still very healthy in terms of our particular categories," the company's chief financial officer, Hugh Johnston, told investors.

Still, for many Americans, declining wages (after adjusting for inflation) could eventually slow demand and help force companies to lower prices.

Already there are signs that some Americans, particularly lower-income families, are balking at inflated prices. Sales of used cars fell over the summer. One major car dealer, the CarMax chain, blamed "vehicle affordability challenges that stem from widespread inflationary pressures, as well as climbing interest rates" for the decline.

At the same time, Jonathan Smoke, chief economist at Cox Automotive, said that many higher-income consumers have stepped into the used car market, offsetting at least some of the loss from previous buyers. □

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# EXPLAINER: How iodine tablets block some nuclear radiation

**By MADDIE BURAKOFF**  
AP Science Writer  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — The war in Ukraine has heightened fears about nuclear exposure and interest in iodine pills that can help protect the body from some radiation.

Concerns have grown in recent weeks over periodic power cuts to the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant that have increased the risk of a meltdown. And threats from Russian President Vladimir Putin that he will use "all means necessary" to win the war in Ukraine has raised the specter of nuclear warfare.

Some countries in Europe have started stockpiling the tablets and pharmacies in Finland began to run low on the pills after that country's health ministry recommended households buy a single dose in case of emergency.

But what are iodine pills? And what can they do and what can't they do in the case of a nuclear leak or attack?

Potassium iodide, or KI, offers specific protection against one kind exposure. It prevents the thyroid a hormone-producing gland in the neck from picking up radioactive iodine, which can be released into the atmosphere in a nuclear accident.

This radioactive material can increase the risk of thyroid cancer if it gets into the body, for example by breathing it in or eating contaminated food. It's especially dangerous for children, and its health risks can last for many years after exposure, according to the World Health Organization.

Iodine tablets work by filling up the thyroid with a stable version of iodine so that the radioactive kind can't get in. If the thyroid is already packed with potassium iodide, it won't be able to pick up the harmful iodine that's left after a nuclear accident.

The pills are cheap and sold all over the world, and many countries, including



A woman shows a pack with iodine tablets before distributing them to residents at a local school in case of a radiation leak in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine, Friday, Sept. 2, 2022.

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the U.S., stockpile them. But potassium iodide doesn't protect against other kinds of radioactive threats. A nuclear bomb, for example, can release many different kinds of radiation and radioactive material that can harm many parts of the body. Health authorities caution that potassium iodide should only be taken in certain nuclear emergencies, and works best if it's taken

close to the time of exposure. It shouldn't be taken as a preventive measure ahead of time. Potassium iodide doses can come with some side effects like rash, inflammation or an upset stomach. Those over 40 years old generally shouldn't take iodine tablets unless their expected exposure is very high, according to guidelines from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. □



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# Haney and Kambosos set for world lightweight rematch Sunday

By COURTNEY WALSH

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)

— Undisputed lightweight boxing champion Devin Haney has ridiculed rival George Kambosos Jr., as a fighter reliant on excuses ahead of their world title rematch on Sunday.

Haney has promised to send the former world champion, who was defeated for the first time in 21 fights by unanimous decision in their first meeting, "into retirement" by inflicting another beating.

The unbeaten 23-year-old Haney, an American who has 15 knockouts in his 28 wins, outpointed Kambosos at Marvel Stadium to claim the WBA, IBF, WBO and The Ring lightweight world titles. Haney taunted the Australian repeatedly on Friday in a reversal of the psychological plays Kambosos used leading into their first fight, tactics the local fighter described as being derived from "the art of war."

During a press conference at Rod Laver Arena, which will host Sunday's fight, the Las Vegas boxer gave his



Devin Haney of the United States, right, punches George Kambosos Jr. of Australia during their world lightweight title boxing match between in Melbourne, June 5, 2022.

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rival a copy of Sun Tzu's renowned book "The Art of War" as a pointed reminder about the outcome of their first world title bout.

The American also interrupted journalists to ask Kambosos why he had sacked Miami-based trainer Javiel Centeno and manager Peter Kahn after

that fight.

Centeno helped mastermind the Australian's upset win over Teofino Lopez by split decision at Madison Square Garden last November.

But the Sydney boxer was no match for Haney in his subsequent title defense, with one judge scoring the

fight 118-110 and the other two 116-112 in favor of the American.

Jim Kambosos, the Australian's father, blamed Centeno for the defeat, saying the trainer "did not execute the right instructions for George" and there was "no urgency in the corner." The Kambosos camp has

claimed Haney was allowed to get away with illegally holding the Australian during the first fight and has repeatedly criticized the refereeing over the past four months.

Kambosos also said he was distracted by trying to promote the fight in Australia as the champion and was not pleased with his preparation leading into the June meeting. But Haney is not impressed by the Australian camp's interpretation of events.

"They keep making up excuses."

Now it is the coach. Before it was the referee. (They said) I was holding. They make every excuse in the book," Haney said.

"Why did you fire your whole team if that was the case? If truly you feel like I was holding too much, why would you fire your whole team?"

Although the Australian said he would "shock the world again", Kambosos stressed he has learned a lesson from the loss to Haney and will let his boxing do the talking on Sunday. □

## Fields, Bears struggle in red zone in loss to Commanders

By JAY COHEN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP)

— It was Justin Fields. It was the offensive line. It was the receiving corps.

The Chicago Bears struggled on offense again, and there was plenty of blame to go around.

Fresh off an encouraging second half at Minnesota, Fields and the Bears were shut down by Jonathan Allen and the Washington Commanders on national television.

Chicago came up empty on three drives inside the Washington 10 during an ugly 12-7 loss Thursday night.

"Plenty of opportunities in the game that we just didn't finish," Fields said. "So we've just got to get better with that."

Led by Fields and Khalil Herbert, the Bears rushed

for 238 yards and out-gained the Commanders 392-214 overall. But Fields was sacked five times and faced heavy pressure for much of Chicago's third consecutive loss.

The Bears (2-4), who don't play again until Oct. 24 at New England, are averaging 122.8 yards passing and 15.5 points through six games.

"We're going to reassess everything," first-year coach Matt Eberflus said. "Yeah, everything from scheme to players to everything."

We're going to do a good job of that here coming up. And we're going to do a good job of really getting it to the players."

Just like Sunday's 29-22 loss to the Vikings, when the Bears' final drive was stopped by an Ihmir Smith-Marsette fumble, two more

turnovers proved costly. First, Fields was intercepted by Allen at the Washington 5 in the first quarter.

Then Velus Jones muffed a punt early in the fourth, setting up Brian Robinson's go-ahead touchdown run.

"It wasn't a smart play. I should have let it go. I tried to do too much," Jones said.

The Bears also drove to the Commanders 3 in the second quarter, but Fields missed a wide-open Ryan Griffin on a potential touchdown pass and Herbert was stuffed on fourth-and-goal. Chicago had one more chance in the closing minutes, and Fields drove the team to the Washington 5. Following two incomplete passes, Darnell Mooney made a juggling fourth-down catch at the 1, but couldn't get in the end zone.



Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields after falling to score in the closing minute of the second half of an NFL football game against the Washington Commanders in Chicago, Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022.

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The Bears got their only score when Fields found Dante Pettis on a pretty 40-yard touchdown pass with 7:16 left in the third.

On Fields' fifth interception of the season, the second-year quarterback threw the ball right off the helmet of Washington defensive tackle Efe Obada.

It bounced high into the air and Allen hauled it in for his first career interception.

Chicago became the first team in 23 years to fail to score on at least three goal-to-go drives in a single game.

Cincinnati had four such drives in a 22-0 loss to Baltimore on Dec. 26, 1999.

"There was multiple plays in that game we could have made to change the whole game but for some reason or other we didn't finish," Fields said. □



# LeBron closing in on Abdul-Jabbar's NBA scoring record

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It was Oct. 29, 2003. LeBron James played his first NBA game. The Cleveland Cavaliers lost to the Sacramento Kings, and James scored 25 points.

That night, there were 2,708 names ahead of him on the NBA's all-time scoring list. He's caught 2,707 of them. Only one person remains ahead of James on the NBA's career scoring ladder: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who has been the scoring leader since April 5, 1984. His run is about to end, the crown getting passed from one Los Angeles Laker to another in just 1,326 more points.

"To sit here and to know that I'm on the verge of breaking probably the most sought-after record in the NBA, things that people say will probably never be done, I think it's just super, like, humbling for myself," James said. "I think it's super cool."

The score: Abdul-Jabbar 38,387, James 37,062. At James' career pace of 27.1 points per game, he's 49 games away from becoming No. 1; at James' scoring pace last season of 30.3 per game, he would be 44 games away.

If James doesn't miss games, the first target window is mid-to-late January. He'll become the most prolific scorer while being one of the greatest passers ever; James is seventh all-time in assists and should be up to No. 4 when this season ends.

"One of the things that's really amazing about LeBron is he's such a willing passer and such a gifted passer," said Miami coach Erik Spoelstra, who coached James for four seasons (2010-2014) and two championships. "In many ways, that's one of his most unique, special qualities. And yet, he's going to break the all-time record for scoring and that can be a secondary skillset for him. That's crazy."

Abdul-Jabbar played 20 seasons. James is entering his 20th season. They put up their points in different



**Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James, right, drives against Minnesota Timberwolves' Kyle Anderson during first half of an NBA preseason basketball game Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022, in Los Angeles.**

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ways: James, for example, has 6,420 points in his career from 3-point range. Abdul-Jabbar has three.

Abdul-Jabbar's sky hook took the NBA by storm from the outset. He averaged 30.4 points per game in his first six seasons and 24.6 over his career, though managed only 14.1 per game over his final three seasons. James hasn't had a dropoff. He's averaged at least 25 points per game in each of his last 18 seasons. Before last season, only one player, Kobe Bryant, who put up 22.3 points in 2014-15, averaged more than 19 points in the 19th season of his career. James averaged just over 30.

Put simply, no NBA player has ever been this good for this long.

"It's always gratifying to know that the work that you put in can have results," James said. "I've never been a person that cheats the game. I've always put the work in."

He acknowledged a few years back that he "could see" himself catching Abdul-Jabbar, though stressed it wasn't a priority.

The Lakers, just two years removed from the 2020 NBA title, were a disaster last season and missed the playoffs. James' goal is to get back to championship contention, as he seeks a fifth ring. His work ethic still astounds those around him. "LeBron is not from this planet," first-year Lakers coach Darvin Ham said. "That's for damn sure."

James and Abdul-Jabbar have had a challenging relationship. Abdul-Jabbar was outside of the Cleveland locker room during the 2016 Eastern Conference finals as James was jogging by. James stopped and the two shared a hug and a few kind words, then later that night James spoke of the respect he has for Abdul-Jabbar and others who paved the way.

Other chapters haven't gone that smoothly. Abdul-Jabbar has been critical at times, though said earlier this year that he has "deep admiration and respect for LeBron as a community leader and athlete. That hasn't changed and never will." Recently, James said he has "no relationship"

with Abdul-Jabbar.

"Obviously, Kareem has had his differences with some of my views and some of the things that I do," James said. "But listen, at the end of the day, to be able to be right in the same breath as a guy that wore this same uniform, a guy that was a staple of this franchise ... and a guy that does a lot off the floor as well, I think it's just super-duper dope."

They'll be linked all season, at least until the record falls. And that could serve as a refresher course for some fans.

Russell Westbrook's pursuit of the all-time triple-double record seemed to introduce a younger generation of NBA fans about the greatness of Oscar Robertson. James closing in on Abdul-Jabbar, whose last game was in 1989, might very well do the same thing. Robert Horry, the seven-time NBA champion who spent seven seasons with the Lakers and is now a broadcaster for the team, said he hopes Abdul-Jabbar benefits from the attention the chase will gener-

ate.

"I look at Cap's record as better than LeBron's record, because Cap didn't shoot any 3s," Horry said, referring to Abdul-Jabbar by one of his nicknames. "When you look at what LeBron's been able to do, it's amazing. I'm not taking anything away from LeBron. But you have to look at what Cap did and be like, 'Man, this dude put in years in college, then he went to the pros and didn't shoot any 3s and played at a time where the game wasn't sped up like it is.' Cap's record is amazing."

It is. But soon, it won't be his anymore. James is about to become the scoring king and, barring injury, he extend the mark for years to come. "The way he's always been a student of the game, the way he's taken care of himself, you always knew he was going to play as long as he wanted," Spoelstra said. "He hasn't slowed down. He's like Tom Brady. He literally can play until he decides, 'All right, I feel like doing something else.' And I don't see that coming." □



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